SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Delete paragraph [0001] and the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS at page 1.

Replace paragraph [0008] with:

Referring now more particularly to FIGURE 1 of the drawings, there is shown a multi-stage spray nozzle assembly 10 in accordance with the invention. The spray nozzle assembly 10 is an improvement upon, however similar in certain respects, to the multi-stage air atomizing spray nozzle assembly shown in U.S. Patent ~~5,372,885~~ 5,732,885, assigned to the same assignee as the present application, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In the illustrated embodiment, the nozzle includes a multi-part body that includes a main body portion with an upwardly extending and externally threaded neck defining an inlet that is adapted to attach to a line for delivering pressurized fluid to the nozzle. A nozzle tip is positioned below the main body portion and is removably attached thereto by a coupling nut. The one or more discharge orifices of the nozzle are formed in the nozzle tip as described in greater detail below.

Replace paragraph [0009] with:

The body of the spray nozzle assembly 10 includes a liquid flow tube 11 having a central longitudinally extending liquid passageway 12 which channels liquid directed into the nozzle through the nozzle inlet into a smaller diameter longitudinal passageway 14. The smaller diameter longitudinal passageway communicates via a fluid orifice 17 with a plurality of equally spaced, intersecting transverse passageways or cross holes 15. In this case, each of the cross holes 15 extends perpendicular to and intersects the centerline of the longitudinal passageways 12, 14 of the liquid flow tube. A liquid stream introduced into the liquid passageway 12 is accelerated through the reduced diameter passageway ~~12~~ 14, striking an end wall 16 of a chamber formed by the intersecting cross holes 15. As the accelerating liquid impinges the end wall 16, it is directed outwardly in a semicircular fan or sheet of atomized liquid particles discharging generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the passageways 12, 14. It is important that the reduced diameter liquid passageway 14 be no larger in diameter than the cross holes 15, and preferably smaller in diameter.